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Pileus firm, sessile or more often effused-reflexed, $2-4 \times 2-10 \times 0.4-2$ cm., buffy-brown to snuff-brown or buckthorn-brown, but often olive-ochre or greenish yellow from the spores, rough and more or less uneven, minutely velvety-tomentose or becoming glabrous, at length covered by a distinct, hard crust; context brown, 0.3-1 cm. or more thick behind; tubes 3-7 mm. long, sometimes in two layers, olive green within, the mouths gray, brown, or greenish, angular, 4-6 per mm.; spores globose, smooth, greenish, yellow, $5-6\mu$ in diameter; setae absent or present but not abundant, projecting, brown; with elongated pointed setae-like hyphae, $8-12\mu$ in diameter in the trama and the context; hyphae $3-4\mu$.

On logs of maple and beech.

Known from New York, Ohio, and Michigan.

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NEWS ITEMS

Those interested in the life of the late E. L. Greene and in Dr. Bartlett's account of it in *TORREYA* for July, 1916, will welcome another account of his life from a somewhat different angle in the *Catholic World* for October, 1917, where there is a twelve-page biographical sketch by Margaret B. Downing. Few, if any, of Dr. Greene's biographers seem to know of a forty-page article about him by Mrs. Brandegee in *Zoe* for April, 1893.

Dr. Carl Skottsberg delivered an illustrated lecture before the Club on November 13, on the island of Juan Fernandez. On November 20, with Mrs. Skottsberg, he sailed for Sweden, after an absence of thirteen months spent in botanical work in southern South America.